

REMARKS

This reply is in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2007 for which a response was originally due on December 24, 2007. A separate request for a two-month extension of time until February 24, 2008, together with a payment of the government fees by way of credit card, as well as a separate completed PTO-2038 Form for the credit card payment is enclosed.

Furthermore, the applicant is appointing the undersigned and the firm identified by number 022839. A Power of Attorney signed by the president of the Applicant, Dr. Sankdar Dasgupta, together with a signed Form 3.73, is enclosed.

In the Office Action, the claims 1, 7 to 22, 25 and 55 to 57, are rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,975,098 to Vinciarelli in view of U.S. Patent 5,959,439 to Shenai, and, claims 27 to 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Vinciarelli in view of Shenai and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,541,879. Also in the Office Action, claims 37 to 40 were rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over Vinciarelli in view of U.S. Patent 5,955,797 to Kim and claims 60 to 62 were rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over Vinciarelli, U.S. Patent 7,119,458 to Barnes, in view of U.S. Patent 6,703,722 to Christiansen in further view of Shenai. The Examiner also objected to claims 60, 61 and 62 as being unclear. Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

In particular, previous claims 60, 61 and 62 have been cancelled without prejudice to subject matter recited therein.

Previous claims 25 and 26 have been incorporated into claim 1. Previous claims 25 and 26 have been cancelled in view of their incorporation into claim 1. Furthermore, previous claim 58 has been incorporated into claim 55 and previous claim 58 has been cancelled. Previous claim 59 has been maintained but has been amended to be dependent from claim 55, rather than now amended claim 58.

No other amendments have been made to the claims.

Claim Objection to Claim 60

It is noted that the Examiner objected to the language in previous claim 60 in view of the language of previous dependent claim 61 and 62. As previous claims 60-62 have been cancelled from the application. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objection to these claims has now been rendered moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 103

The Examiner has kindly indicated that previous claims 26, 58 and 59 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims. The Examiner provided a statement of reasons for the indication of this allowable subject matter on pages 13 and 14 of the Examiner's Report.

In view of the Examiner's objections, the Examiner's comments in the Examiner's Report and the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner and the Applicant are now on common ground as to the allowability of amended independent claims 1 and 55.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments are such as to comply with the formal matters raised in the Office Action and to place this application in a condition for allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner is of the view that this application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (416) 961-5000 so that an interview or telephone conference may be arranged to expedite allowance of this case.

It is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1-1336 that the response term of this application be extended, if necessary, to a date which would include the filing date of the present amendment and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary extension fee to deposit account no. 18-1350, under an order number corresponding to attorney docket number P11308.

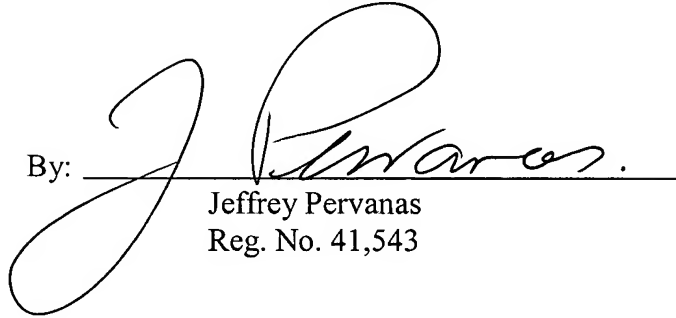
Favourable consideration and disposition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully requested

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the president of the Applicant
Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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